REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	09 June 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Interactive Sexual Therapy
Other Known Titles:	Interactive Sex Therapy
Director:	Not Stated
Producer:	Herb Goldberg
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	CD-ROM (film)
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Interactive Sexual Therapy	Running time:	83.23
Trailers:	Nil	Running time:	
		Total Running time:	83.23

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The CD-ROM (film) entitled *Interactive Sexual Therapy* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This interactive CD-ROM presentation, also known as *Interactive Sex Therapy*, includes 12 explicit scenes of adult male-female couples engaged in relaxed, consensual sexual activity. The scenes may be viewed in an interactive educational and therapeutic context, or for titillation and sexual stimulation, without viewer participation in the therapy session. The scenes aim to be erotic without being voyeuristic, as the camera tends to focus on the responses of males and females to their partners, or the whole scene, and genitals are not depicted. Education and therapy is delivered via such demonstration, presenter observation and comment, and constructive presenter critique of viewer responses to questions. Matters for discussion include sexual technique, interpersonal communication and emotional implications. The overall tone of the therapist's presentation and the explicit scenes is celebratory and respectful, addressing both male and female viewers.

The relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 have been given consideration in this decision. Due to the sustained explicit depictions of sexual activity the limit on the availability of the publication is considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justified.

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